

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 09770900-0184

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SUPPORTED GRAFT AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME, the specification of which:

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is attached hereto.  
 was filed on December 22, 1997  
 as Application Serial No. 08/999,583  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>08/401,871</u>	<u>March 10, 1995</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
<u>APPLICATION SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
<u>08/508,033</u>	<u>July 27, 1995</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
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<u>08/794,871</u>	<u>February 5, 1997</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
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<u>08/833,797</u>	<u>April 9, 1997</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231.

Date: September 21, 1999

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Christopher E. BANAS, et al. )  
Serial No.: 08/999,583 )  
Filing Date: December 22, 1997 )  
Title: SUPPORTED GRAFTS AND )  
METHODS OF MAKING SAME )

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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Applicant, Tarun J. Edwin. This Declaration is being submitted to correct Mr. Edwin's country of citizenship, which was changed by hand from "USA" to reflect "India" as the country of his citizenship and not initialed by the Applicant. The original Declaration for Patent Application was filed with the Patent Office on April 30, 1998. The enclosed Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney properly reflects his country of citizenship, which is India.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is required in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney by Mr. Edwin. The Commissioner

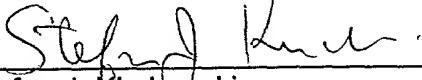
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of Patents is authorized, however, to charge any amount due to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dated: September 21, 1999

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the invention entitled, "SUPPORTED GRAFT AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME" as described and claimed in the specification which was filed on December 22, 1997 as Application Serial No. 08/999,583 for which a patent is sought, and that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: **NONE**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or §365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or §365 (a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
PCT/US95/16497	December 8, 1995

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office information known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we,  
CHRISTOPHER E. BANAS, TARUN J. EDWIN, BRENDAN J. McCREA and, RAJAGOPAL R.  
KOWLIGI, have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto IMPRA,  
INC., a corporation of the state of Arizona, country of U.S.A., a subsidiary of C.R. Bard, Inc., and  
its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States  
of America in and to certain inventions relating to improvements in an SUPPORTED GRAFT AND  
**METHODS OF MAKING SAME** described, illustrated and claimed in an application for Letters  
Patent of the United States of America, executed by us of even date herewith, together with the entire  
right, title and interest in and to said application, and in and to Letters Patent which may be issued  
upon said application, and upon any division, extension, continuation or reissue thereof.

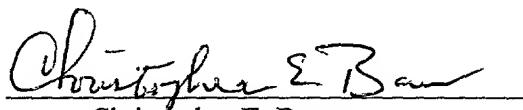
We also hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said IMPRA, INC., the entire right, title and  
interest in and to said invention and in and to applications for Letters Patent therefor in all countries  
foreign to the United States of America, including all rights under any and all international  
conventions and treaties in respect of said inventions and said applications for Letters Patent in  
foreign countries, and we further authorize the said IMPRA, INC. to apply for Letters Patent in  
foreign countries directly in its own name, and to claim the priority of the filing date of the said  
application for Letters Patent of the United States of America under the provisions of any and all  
international conventions and treaties.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue Letters Patent upon the aforesaid application, division, extension, continuation or reissue, to the IMPRA, INC. for the sole use and behoof of said IMPRA, INC., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, the same as they would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment not been made, and we hereby authorize and request the equivalent authorities in foreign countries to issue the patents of their respective countries to the said IMPRA, INC.

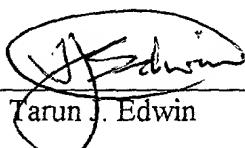
We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said IMPRA, INC., but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents for said inventions in all countries and for vesting title thereto in said IMPRA, INC., its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We covenant with said IMPRA, INC., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the interest and property hereby conveyed is free from all prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other encumbrance.

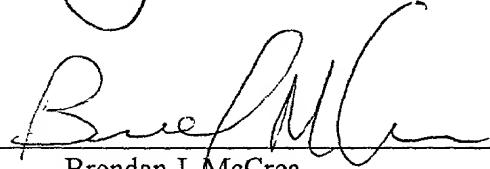
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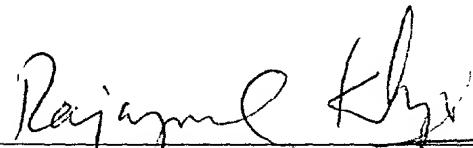
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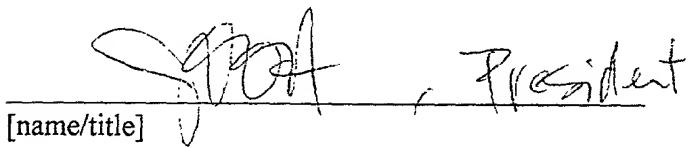
  
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Rajagopal R. Kowlgi

WE HEREBY ACCEPT THE ABOVE ASSIGNMENT

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